REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-14, 17, 18, 20, and 22 remain in the application with claims 1, 10, 17, and 20 having been amended hereby and claims 2, 9, 15, 16, 19, and 21 having been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to the title.

A new title has been proposed that is intended to be more clearly indicative of the present invention to which the amended claims are directed.

The cancellation of claim 21 renders moot the objection thereto under 37 CFR 1.75.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-6, 8, 10, 11, 13-15, 17, 18, and 22 under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Ishikawa et al.

In paragraph 19. of the instant official action claims 9, 16, 19, and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended hereby to include claim 9 in its entirety. Claim 9 has been cancelled.

Claim 10 has been amended hereby to include claims 15 and 16 in their entirety. Claims 15 and 16 have been cancelled.

Claim 17 has been amended hereby to include claim 19 in its entirety. Claim 19 has been cancelled.

Claim 20 has been amended to be in independent form by including claim 17 in its entirety.

Accordingly, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby to include allowable subject matter and the cancellation of the claims containing such subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that all claims remaining in this application are patentably distinct over the cited reference.

Therefore, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby to include allowable subject matter and the amendment to the title, it is respectfully submitted that the information processing system of the present invention is now in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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